

Elopement Risk Scale

Complete on admission, within 72 hours of admission, quarterly and as the need arises.

<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Comatose	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to ambulate independently		
Date				
Risk Factors <i>(see reverse for instructions on how to complete each item)</i>	Circle	Circle	Circle	Circle
Complete upon admission				
<i>History of Wandering</i>				
1. History of wandering (past hospitalization or history from resident/family)	2	2	2	2
<i>Acceptance of Place of Residency (choose one)</i>				
2. Resident is not accepting to move into facility yet understands need to do so	2	2	2	2
3. Resident is not accepting move into facility	5	5	5	5
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<i>Wandering Behaviour (choose one)</i>				
4. Resident wanders with intentional destination/knows how to return to area	1	1	1	1
5. Resident wanders within the facility without leaving facility grounds	2	2	2	2
6. Resident wanders aimlessly within the facility or off facility grounds	5	5	5	5
<i>Medical Diagnosis and Decision-Making Capacity</i>				
7. Resident has a diagnosis of dementia and deemed medically incompetent	5	5	5	5
<i>Mental Status (choose one)</i>				
8. Resident can sometimes follow instructions	2	2	2	2
9. Resident is not able to follow instructions	3	3	3	3
<i>Mobility (choose one)</i>				
10. Resident can move without assistance while in wheelchair	1	1	1	1
11. Resident is ambulatory	3	3	3	3
<i>Restlessness or Agitation (choose one)</i>				
12. Intermittent periods of restlessness and/or agitation	2	2	2	2

	Date				
Risk Factors <i>(see instructions below)</i>		Circle	Circle	Circle	Circle
13. Frequent episodes of restlessness and/or agitation		5	5	5	5
Speech Patterns					
14. Resident cannot communicate		3	3	3	3
Expressing Desire to Leave Facility (choose one)					
15. Resident is asking questions about the facility guidelines about leaving the facility		2	2	2	2
16. Resident is verbally expressing an intent and desire to leave the facility		5	5	5	5
Upcoming Anniversary/Special Event					
17. Upcoming events mentioned that resident would normally attend		3	3	3	3
Total Elopement Risk Score					
Initials					

Elopement Risk Rating:

Score 0-8	Low Risk for Elopement
Score 9-10	At-Risk for Elopement
Score 11 or above	High Risk for Elopement

Guidelines for Completion of Elopement Risk Scale

- The Elopement Risk Scale may be used up to four times.
- Enter the date screening is conducted in one of the top right-hand columns.
- If a risk factor is representative for the resident, circle the corresponding number to the date of the screen.
- If a risk factor is not representative, do not circle the corresponding number to the date of the screen.
- Calculate the total of the numbers circled to arrive at the Elopement Risk Score.
- Should the resident be identified as being at risk for elopement ensure that:
 - The risk is documented on the Integrated Progress Note (IPN) and on the Integrated Care Plan/Nursing Kardex and any corresponding risk mitigation strategies such as, but not limited to, regular safety checks, and applying Wander guards/Roam Alerts.
 - Complete the patient/resident description section on the Code Yellow- Missing Client- Client Identification form and file that form at the front of the resident’s health record.
 - Communicate to the care team the potential risk for elopement.